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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF DEMOCRATIC YEMEN

Development of an Integrated System of Agricultural Statistics
(PDY/76/009)

Report of the Administrator*

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| Date of present approval: | March 1979 |
| Starting date of project activities: | May 1978 (Including previous assistance) |
| Planned completion date: | April 1982 |
| To be executed by: | Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) |
| Government implementing agency: | Central Statistical Organization |
| Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval: | $458 200 |
| Source of UNDP financing: | Indicative Planning Figure (IPF) |

## I. Background

1. Agriculture contributes about 25 per cent to the gross national product of Democratic Yemen. According to preliminary estimates of the 1973 Population Census, about 70 per cent of the population was engaged in agricultural activities. Because the country is engaged in large-scale planning and has given top priority to the development of agriculture in its national development plan, there is a need for reliable and comprehensive statistics. An agricultural census has never been carried out in the country and the current agricultural statistics are unsatisfactory and not adequate for planning purposes.

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